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Good woman will eat it, she shall be exceedingly welcome to it.

Without waiting for her mother's answer, she ran to fetch the egg; but the very moment that she presented it to this old woman, she disappeared, and a beautiful lady was seen in her place; who, addressing herself to the mother, said, I will reward your two daughters according to their deserts. The eldest shall become a great queen, and the second shall keep a farm. I know that I give each of them what they like best.

After these words, the fairy departed; and the mother and the two daughters remained very much astonished. Upon which, striking the house, it was immediately turned into a little snug farm.

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They went into the farm, and were delighted with the neatness of the furniture. The chairs were only wood, but they were so exceeding bright, that you might see yourself as in a glass. The linen of the beds were as white as snow. In the stable there were twenty sheep, as many lambs, four oxen, and four cows; and in the court-yard all sorts of animals, hens, ducks, pigeons, &c. There was also a pretty garden full of fruit and flowers.

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